

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (b) Yes, Sir The STC has concluded contracts for export of 8,000 Metric Tonnes of RMA 5 Grade of natural rubber on f o b Cochin basis. Shipment of 6,000 Metric Tonnes of RMA 5 Grade of natural rubber is expected to be completed by 31st March, 1992. The balance quantity is expected to be shipped by April, 1992. The overall quantity which could be exported during 1992-93 would be known only after the demand supply position for the year is firmed up. It is too early to make this assessment now.

[Translation]

Exports To Germany

4866 SHRIVILAS MUTTEMWAR Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware that the changes in rules regarding packaging materials by Germany are likely to affect adversely the export to Germany,

(b) if so, whether the Government have held any talks with German Government in this regard, and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (c) The contents of the German ordinance on avoidance of packaging waste have been disseminated to Indian trade, industry and export promotion organisations.

The implications of this Ordinance are being assessed by Indian exporters to enable them to meet the new requirements.

Investment By LIC & GIC

4867 SHRIRAMTAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) The amount of payment of interest and principal made by Life Insurance Corporation and General Insurance Corporation in regard to the loans taken by states during each of the last three years, state wise, and

(b) the amount remained unutilised in housing sector advanced by the above agencies during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) It is presumed that the Question relates to re-payments made by state Governments in respect of loans taken by them from the LIC and the GIC, and interest received by the LIC and the GIC in respect of such loans. Such information is not maintained by the LIC and the GIC. State wise Total re-payments and interest received by the LIC from the states in the last three years is as under

<i>(Rs. in Crores)</i>		
<i>Year</i>	<i>Re payments</i>	<i>Interest Received</i>
1988-89	672.00	891.77
1989-90	739.63	1091.00
1990-91	649.70	1351.63

(b) In respect of loans in the housing sector by the LIC, the amount unutilised by the states in the last three years is as under -

<i>(Rs. in Crores)</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount Unutilised</i>
1988-89	0.85
1989-90	19.52
1990-91	27.64

As regards loans by the GIC in the housing sector, the assistance sanctioned and disbursed to states in the last three years is as under

(Rs in Crores)			
Year	Sanctioned	Disbursed	
1989-90	39.16	34.80	
1990-91	45.54	35.70	
1991-92	47.79	Still being disbursed	

[English]

Increase In Exports

4868 SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that with the lifting of all trade controls and the introduction of partial convertibility of the rupee far ahead of schedule it has given a push to export in the country

(b) if so, the extent to which the exports are likely to be increased

(c) whether the Government also propose to further liberalise the trade policy and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b). There will be a time lag in the new measures such as partial convertibility of rupee, free import of all items except those in the negative list, etc., to have an actual impact on exports. However, according to provisional estimates, India's exports to GCA countries amounted to Rs. 30914 crores during April - January

1991-92 as compared to Rs. 21427 crores during April - January 1990-91 there by showing an increase of 44.3% in dollar terms, exports to GCA increased by 5.7%. India's exports to RPA countries amounted to Rs. 3785 crores during April - January 1991-92 as compared to Rs. 4809 crores during April - January 1990-91 thereby showing a decline of 21.3% in dollar terms, exports to RPA declined by 42.3%.

(c) and (d). The new Import and Export Policy for the period effective from April 1992 is under formulation.

Coffee Production

4869 SHRI H. D. DEVEGOWDA Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) the total area under coffee cultivation in the country

(b) the quantity of coffee produced in the country particularly in Karnataka and the amount of foreign exchange earned from its export during 1990-91 and 1991-92 and

(c) the production and export targets of coffee fixed for 1992-93 and the foreign exchange likely to be earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) The total area under coffee cultivation in the country is 2,43,117 hectares.

(b) The estimated production of coffee in 1990-91 was 1,73,000 MT, out of which 1,27,630 MT is estimated to have been produced in Karnataka. For 1991-92, the production estimate is 2,10,000 MT of which 1,55,850 MT is the estimate for Karnataka. An amount of Rs. 278.89 crores and Rs. 316.95 crores has been earned from export of coffee from the country during 1990-91.